

I agree with Frank W. Napurano, K2OKA, in his filing, designated RM-10806, that Morse code licensing requirements be retained "in the interest of public safety". It is also my opinion that regardless of the conditions under which communications are being attempted, Morse code is still the most universally used (by universal I mean that every country already uses it), easily identifiable, most reliable, and most cost effective non-voice method of communications. The more advanced methods of non-voice communications in use today require computers, specialized software, and even in some cases converter hardware (i.e. additional external circuitry). Amateur radio operators who want to operate on the HF bands with limited funds will almost always have CW equipment. I feel that no action should be taken by the FCC to change the amateur radio bands, testing, or licensing beyond what was already done a few years ago. Personally I am currently studying, including Morse code, to upgrade my present amateur radio license.